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Requirements Re Communist China's Trade. (RD-C-980)

1. Are the Chinese desirous of switching from the European Satellite market to the West European market? Why?
2. To what extent do the Chinese want "hard goods"?
3. Did the Chinese evince any interest in foreign credit from the West?
4. Were the Chinese cooperative and willing to compromise on financial and trade terms?
5. Do you feel the Chinese were motivated by economic or political reasons in wanting to expand trade with the West?

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Project Proposal for Transportation Branch Interrogation of Alien Source on Chinese Railways.

Of recent date a Chinese national, graduate of an American University and former employee of the Chinese railway system under the KMT government, has been contacted by [REDACTED]. Following source's education in this country he returned to China where he held an administrative position with the Canton-Hankow railroad as a statistician.

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Interrogation of source (Case 17256 and 14951) on the basis of selected test questions indicates that he is the most knowledgeable contact available in this country on problems of the Chinese railways.

It is the intention of the Transportation Branch to interrogate this individual on the basis of ORR's Comprehensive Guide Type Requirements; however, in view of source's detailed knowledge of Chinese statistical compilation and railway operations, it is the considered opinion of OC/C and S/TR that fullest exploitation of this source can best be attained if he is interrogated directly by a member of the Transportation Branch. Hence, in view of source's potential and the responsibilities of S/TR as concerns the critical problem of Chinese railway transportation, it is requested that funds be made available either to bring source to Washington or to send a representative from S/TR to the field for interrogation.

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